

VIA TELETYPE

DISPATCH

CLASSIFICATION

SECRET

PROCESSING

TO	CMIEF, KUDESK	PROPOSED	ACTION	ACCOMPLISHED
INFO.	CMIEF, EE CHIEF OF STATION, GERMANY	XX	MARKED FOR INDEXING	
FROM	CMIEF, MUNICH LIAISON BASE		NO INDEXING REQUIRED	
SUBJECT	LCIMPROVE/BGMORNING/UPHILL/OPERATIONAL CGEMENS BERGER ET AL		ONLY QUALIFIED HEADQUARTERS DESK CAN JUDGE INDEXING	
			ABSTRACT	
			MICROFILM	

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

NONE, FYI

EGOW 1436, 4 APRIL 1960

1. AT LONG LAST THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO REFERENCE HAS BEEN FORWARDED BY UPHILL -

"PLEASE EXCUSE OUR TARDINESS IN ANSWERING THIS QUERY. WE ARE ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE WE NO LONGER HAVE ACCESS TO OUR OLD FILES, AND THE MEMORY OF INDIVIDUAL PERSONS IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE A CLEAR-CUT REPLY AFTER SUCH A LONG LAPSE OF TIME. SO FAR, HOWEVER, WE HAVE COME UP WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION -

"1- HERR POHL KNOWS NO ONE WHO APPEARS TO BE IDENTICAL WITH OR SIMILAR TO ANYONE ON THE ABEL PICTURES.

"2- THE COVER NAME ABEL WAS APPARENTLY USED ONLY IN INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE AND WAS NOT KNOWN TO HERR POHL. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH WHETHER THIS COVER NAME EVER WAS USED FOR CLEMENS BERGER.

"3- IT APPEARS THAT CLEMENS BERGER /AN AGENT OF LOTHAR PHILIPP/, KLEMENS BERGER /AN ENGINEER NOW LIVING IN ZURICH/, AND BERGER ALIAS EGGENBERGER ARE THREE DIFFERENT PERSONS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT BERGER ALIAS EGGENBERGER IS IDENTICAL WITH FRIEDRICH BERGER ALIAS VON SARTORIUS, BORN 20 MARCH 1911 IN SCHOENEFELD. FRIEDRICH BERGER ALLEGEDLY BELONGED TO THE FOREIGN LEGION FROM 1934 UNTIL 1939 AND IN 1940 WAS ASSIGNED TO THE ABWEHR BASE IN PARIS. IN 1941 HE WAS ARRESTED IN VICHY AND ALLEGEDLY RECRUITED BY THE FRENCH IS. IN 1943 HE WAS ALLEGEDLY CHIEF OF AN ABWEHR INVESTIGATING GROUP IN FRANCE AND IN 1944 WAS ASSIGNED TO LEITSTELLE WEST OF THE RSHA. IN 1945 HE WAS TAKEN PRISONER BY THE BRITISH,

DISTRIBUTION

BY TELETYPE

1-C/KUDESK

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EGMA 55258

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ORIGINATING

OFFICE

OFFICER

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EXT.

COORDINATING

OFFICE SYMBOL

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OFFICER'S NAME

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B

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RELEASING

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OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

WHO TURNED HIM OVER TO THE FRENCH. IN 1947, IN EAST GERMANY HE FELL INTO SOVIET HANDS AND WAS HELD IN THE USSR UNTIL 1955. HE SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME AN INNKEEPER IN MUNICH, AND ON 10 FEBRUARY 1960 HE DIED. HE ALLEGEDLY WORKED IN PARIS FOR KIEFFER /CHIEF DEPARTMENT IV B.D.S. PARIS/ IN 1943.

114. LOTHAR PHILIPP /COVER NAME MUELLER 32/, PRIVATE DETECTIVE, WAS AN OBERGEFREITER AND LATER A SONDERFUEHRER K /CAPTAIN/. HE INITIALLY WORKED FOR THE ABWEHR OFFICE IN BERLIN AND LATER /TIME UNKNOWN/ PERFORMED MISSIONS CONCERNING CENTRAL AND EASTERN SWITZERLAND FOR THE ABWEHR IN BERN. IN EARLY DECEMBER 1942, AFTER HIS NUMEROUS INTRIGUES HAD AROUSED ATTENTION, HE WAS RECALLED TO BERLIN, AND AFTER 20 JULY 1944 HE ALLEGEDLY WORKED FOR AMT IV RSHA. ACCORDING TO A RUMOR, PHILIPP WAS ARRESTED BY THE SOVIETS /MLB COMMENT - PRESUMABLY AT THE WAR'S END/ AND HAS NOT BEEN SEEN IN THE WEST SINCE. IN 1947 IT WAS REPORTED THAT PHILIPP WAS WORKING FOR THE SOVIETS. AROUND 1954/56 A RETURNEE FROM THE SOVIET UNION REPORTED THAT HIS SOVIET INTERROGATORS HAD PRAISED THE EXEMPLARY WILLINGNESS TO TALK OF ONE "COLONEL PHILIPP". IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS "COLONEL" IS IDENTICAL WITH LOTHAR PHILIPP.

"OUR INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING, AND FURTHER RESULTS WILL BE CONVEYED TO YOU AUTOMATICALLY. IF YOU LEARN ANYTHING ADDITIONAL IN THE MEANTIME, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMING US."

2. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM THE ABOVE WHETHER HERR POHL KNEW PHILIPP'S AGENT CLEMENS BERGER. WE ASSUME THAT HE DID, AND THAT HE DID NOT KNOW IF BERGER USED THE COVER NAME ABEL. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CLARIFY THIS POINT. IN ANY EVENT, EVEN THOUGH SUB-PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE UPHILL MEMO IS UNCLEAR, SUB-PARAGRAPH 1 IS NOT. POHL DOES NOT KNOW ANYONE WHO LOOKS LIKE COLONEL ABEL.

3. EE - WHEN OUR REQUEST FIRST WAS LEVIED ON ALIAS STURM, HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD WHAT WE WANTED AND AGREED TO ASK POHL, BUT SAID NOT TO EXPECT AN EXPEDITIOUS REPLY. AFTER A TWO MONTH INTERVAL WE ASKED ALIAS STURM WHAT PROGRESS HE HAD MADE ON OUR REQUEST. HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK SINCE HE HAD TURNED IT OVER TO ALIAS ALBERTI. ANOTHER MONTH WENT BY BEFORE ALIAS STURM SAID THAT UPHILL COULD NOT FIND MUCH IN THEIR FILES. WE ASKED WHAT POHL HAD TO SAY, AND ALIAS STURM, LOOKING A BIT EMBARRASSED, SAID THAT THIS WAS ALSO POSING A PROBLEM SINCE HE DID NOT KNOW WHO POHL WAS. OBVIOUSLY THIS WAS NOT TRUE, AND WE GAVE HIM POHL'S TRUE NAME. ALIAS STURM SAID HE WOULD CHECK AROUND. AFTER SEVERAL MORE NEEDLES, ORAL AND WRITTEN, WE FINALLY RECEIVED THE ABOVE RESPONSE FROM UPHILL'S ALIAS DR. HERDER. HOW HE GOT INTO THE ACT WE DO NOT KNOW, BUT WE ARE FOLLOWING-UP ON THIS WITH HIM. WE DOUBT THAT MUCH, IF ANYTHING, ADDITIONAL WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

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